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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 3773
PATENT**

Attorney Docket No. 06530.0382-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Charles H. PUGSLEY et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3773
Application No.: 10/712,966)	Examiner: Julian W. Woo
Filed: November 12, 2003)	Confirmation No.: 9418
For: IMPERMANENT)	Mail Stop AF
BIOCOMPATIBLE FASTENER)	

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action mailed March 6, 2008, and pursuant to
37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.